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## FIELD NATURALISTS' CLUB OF VICTORIA.

THE ordinary monthly meeting of the Club was held in the Royal Society's Hall on Monday evening, 11th August, 1902. The president, Mr. T. S. Hall, M.A., occupied the chair, and about 35 members and visitors were present.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

From His Excellency Sir George Sydenham Clarke, K.C.M.G., F.R.S., Governor of Victoria, accepting an invitation from the Club to open the conversazione on the 16th September next.

### REPORTS.

A report of the excursion to Sandringham on Saturday, 19th July, was given by the leader, Mr. C. French, jun., who stated that there was a fair attendance of members. Traversing the ti-tree fringing the cliffs a number of interesting plants were found in bloom, such as *Aster ramulosus*, *Alyxia buxifolia*, *Muehlenbeckia adpressa*, *Tetragonia implexicoma*, and *Acacia suaveolens*. Among the orchids found were *Pterostylis vittata* (now getting scarce here), *P. nana*, *P. concinna*, the rare *P. precox*, var. *obtus*, *Corysanthes pruinosa*, and *Cyrtostylis reniformis*. After a diligent search in a piece of swampy ground the remarkable little fern *Ophioglossum vulgatum* was found, and later on the equally remarkable Lycopod *Phylloglossum drummondii* was secured. Several interesting scale insects, such as *Chionaspis angusta* (new to science), *Planchornia styphelia*, *Aspidiotus frenchi*, and *Lecaniodiaspis acaciae*, were collected. On the way back to the station, through the heath ground, *Epacris impressa*, *Styphelia virgata*, *Bossia cinerea*, *Pimelea octophylla*, and *Ricinocarpus pinifolius* (very early), and others were collected, altogether some forty species of plants in bloom being noted.

The hon. librarian reported the receipt of the following donations to the library:—*Journal of Agriculture of Victoria*, vol. i., parts 6, 7 (June, July), from Department of Agriculture; *Emu*, vol. ii., No. 1, July, 1902, from the Australasian Ornithologists' Union; Reprints from *New South Wales Agricultural Gazette*, by W. W. Froggatt, from the author; "Transactions Royal Society of South Australia," vol. xxv., part 1, 1902, from the Society; *Nature Notes*, June and July, 1902, from the Selborne Society, London; and *Knowledge*, June and July, 1902, from the proprietor.